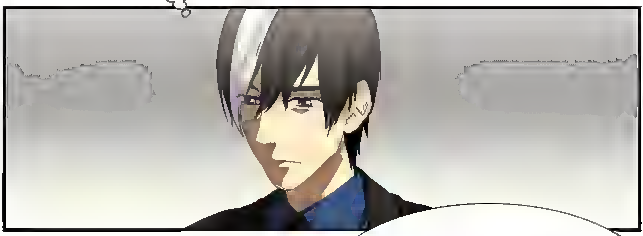
WHAT?
A DEAL?
YEAH! A DEAL!
NOTHING
COMPLICATED!
YOU DON'T
NEED TO PAY
ME BACK FOR
MY CLOTHES.
IN RETURN,
YOU LET ME SPEND
THE NIGHT HERE.

FOUND COLLAPSED BY THE TABLE IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE AUTOPSY FOUND BRUISES ON THE OCCIPITAL REGION CAUSED BY A BLUNT OBJECT.
POSSIBILITY THAT SHE HAD A CONCUSSION AT THE TIME OF DEATH. THE MOST BADLY DAMAGED OF THE THREE CORPSES.
KAYEON CHOI... IT COULD BE HER...

DID YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT?
I DIDN'T FIND OUT MUCH ABOUT THE TWO DAUGHTERS,
ACCORDING TO SOME WOMEN IN THE AREA, THE VICTIM OFTEN BORROWED LARGE SUMS OF MONEY FROM PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
SEEING AS HOW THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T GET PAID EVEN AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS, I THINK THE PRIMARY MOTIVE AT THIS POINT COULD BE MONEY.

I KEEP THINKING ABOUT THE GHOST OF THE VICTIM I SAW THIS MORNING.



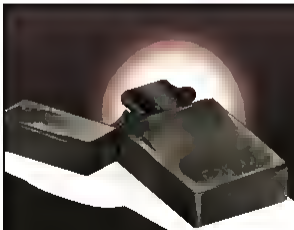
SHE'S PROBABLY STILL WANDERING THIS WORLD BECAUSE SHE'S GOT UNRESOLVED SPITE.

IF MY GRANDMOTHER WERE STILL ALIVE, SHE WOULD HAVE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO RESOLVE THIS.

A FRAMENT OF A KNIFE FROM WHAT IS SUSPECTED TO BE THE MURDER WEAPON WAS FOUND AROUND THE SCAR ON THE SECOND VICTIM'S BODY, SOYEON CHOI.

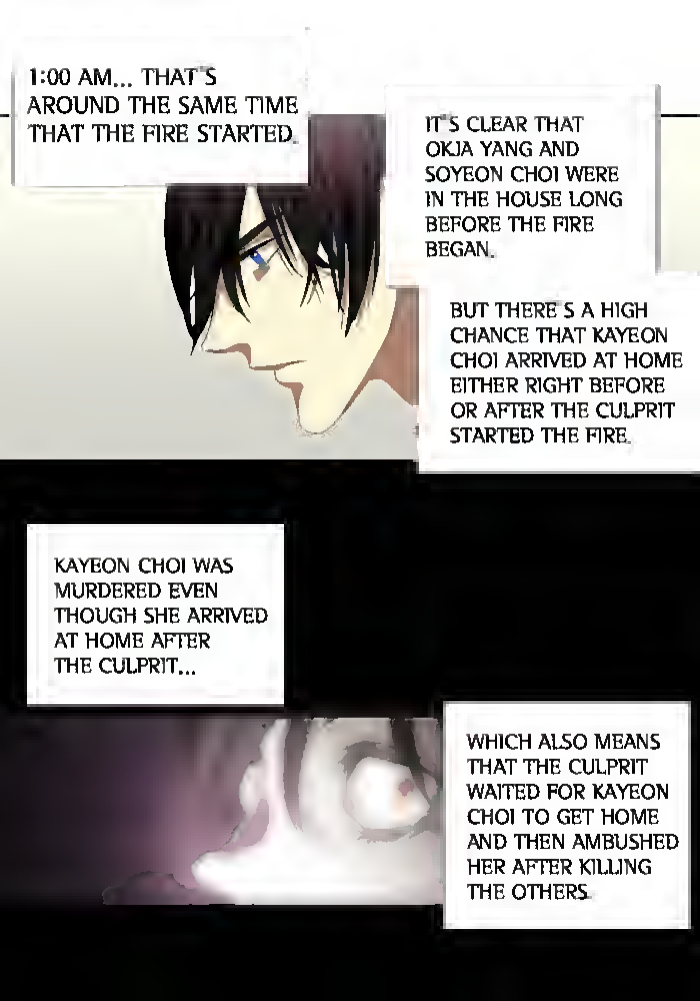
IT APPEARS TO BE A REGULAR KITCHEN KNIFE AROUND 150MM LONG.

DID THE KNIFE BREAK WHEN SHE WAS STABBED FROM BEHIND?



IN ADDITION, A LIGHTER WAS FOUND WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE CAUSED THE FIRE, BUT NO FINGERPRINTS OR TRACES WERE FOUND ON IT.

I'LL GIVE YOU THE MONEY SO YOU CAN LEAVE.
HOW MUCH WAS IT? DID YOU BRING THE RECEIPT?
N-NO! SIMOON LEE!


1:00 AM... THAT'S AROUND THE SAME TIME THAT THE FIRE STARTED.
IT'S CLEAR THAT OKJA YANG AND SOYEON CHOI WERE IN THE HOUSE LONG BEFORE THE FIRE BEGAN.
BUT THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE THAT KAYEON CHOI ARRIVED AT HOME EITHER RIGHT BEFORE OR AFTER THE CULPRIT STARTED THE FIRE.
KAYEON CHOI WAS MURDERED EVEN THOUGH SHE ARRIVED AT HOME AFTER THE CULPRIT...
WHICH ALSO MEANS THAT THE CULPRIT WAITED FOR KAYEON CHOI TO GET HOME AND THEN AMBUSHED HER AFTER KILLING THE OTHERS.

HAH
HA HA
WELL, SEE YOU.
WAIT! WAIT! WAIT!
WH? WHY? ARE YOU REJECTING MY DEAL?!
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
YOU'LL NEVER GET A BETTER DEAL THAN THIS!
WAIT, WAIT A MINUTE, SIMOON LEE!!

HM, SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE.

WITH THEIR HISTORY OF BAD CREDIT AND BORROWING MONEY LIKE CRAZY FROM A LOAN SHARK.

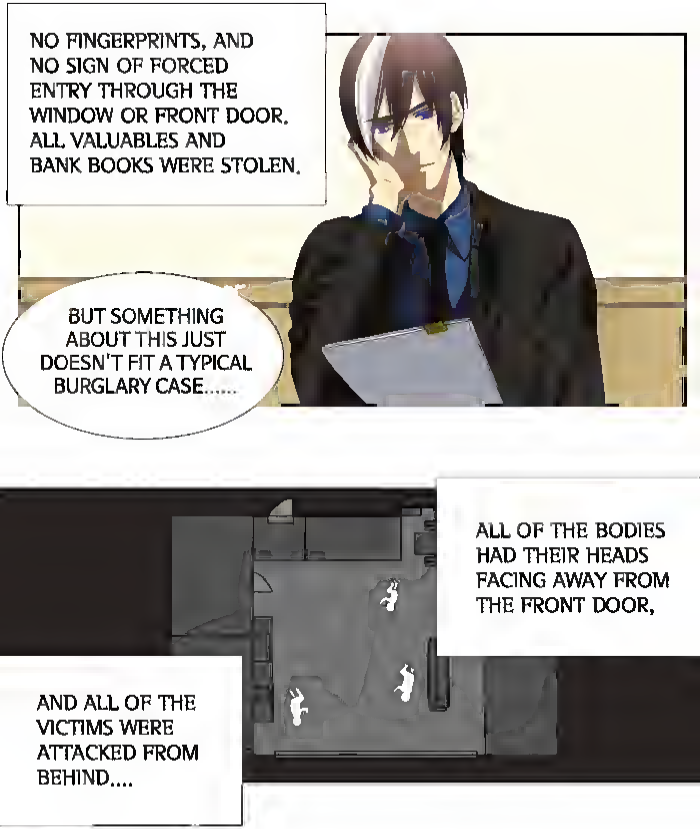
AH, COME TO THINK OF IT, THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD DOESN'T HAVE AN ALIBI HE WORKS AT CONSTRUCTION SITE, BUT ON THE DAY BEFORE THE INCIDENT, HE ASKED FOR TIME OFF.

TIME OFF WORK? WHY?

SOMETHING ABOUT... A CHRONIC DISK PROBLEM IN HIS BACK.

BUT THERE'S NO ONE WHO CAN TESTIFY, SO FOR NOW, LOOK INTO THE VICTIMS' INSURANCE REGISTRATION TOMORROW.

SEE YOU ALL LATER. GOOD LUCK~
AH~ SLATE! WAIT UP!
SLAM
SEE YOU.


NO FINGERPRINTS, AND NO SIGN OF FORCED ENTRY THROUGH THE WINDOW OR FRONT DOOR. ALL VALUABLES AND BANK BOOKS WERE STOLEN.
BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THIS JUST DOESN'T FIT A TYPICAL BURGLARY CASE.....
ALL OF THE BODIES HAD THEIR HEADS FACING AWAY FROM THE FRONT DOOR,
AND ALL OF THE VICTIMS WERE ATTACKED FROM BEHIND....

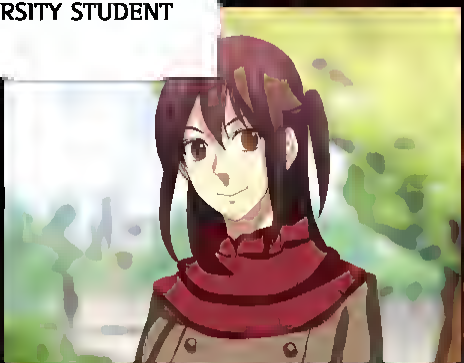
WAS SHE LOOKING FOR HIM BECAUSE HE KILLED HER?

WHY DID THE MURDERER ENTER SUCH A NARROW SPACE IN ORDER TO KILL KAYEON CHOI?
SHE WAS COLLAPSED WITH HER BACK TOWARDS THE WALL...
EVEN IF SHE WAS MURDERED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE SOMETHING'S STRANGE.
IT'S AS IF SHE WAS AMBUSHED BY THE MURDERER...
.....

SECOND VICTIM
SOYEON CHOI (26)
GRADUATE STUDENT

FOUND COLLAPSED NEXT TO THE LIVING ROOM TELEPHONE. AUTOPSY FOUND THAT SHE HAD BEEN STABBED IN THE BACK TWICE.

AND THE LAST VICTIM.
KAYEON CHOI (21)
UNIVERSITY STUDENT



TOCK

TICK...

TOCK..

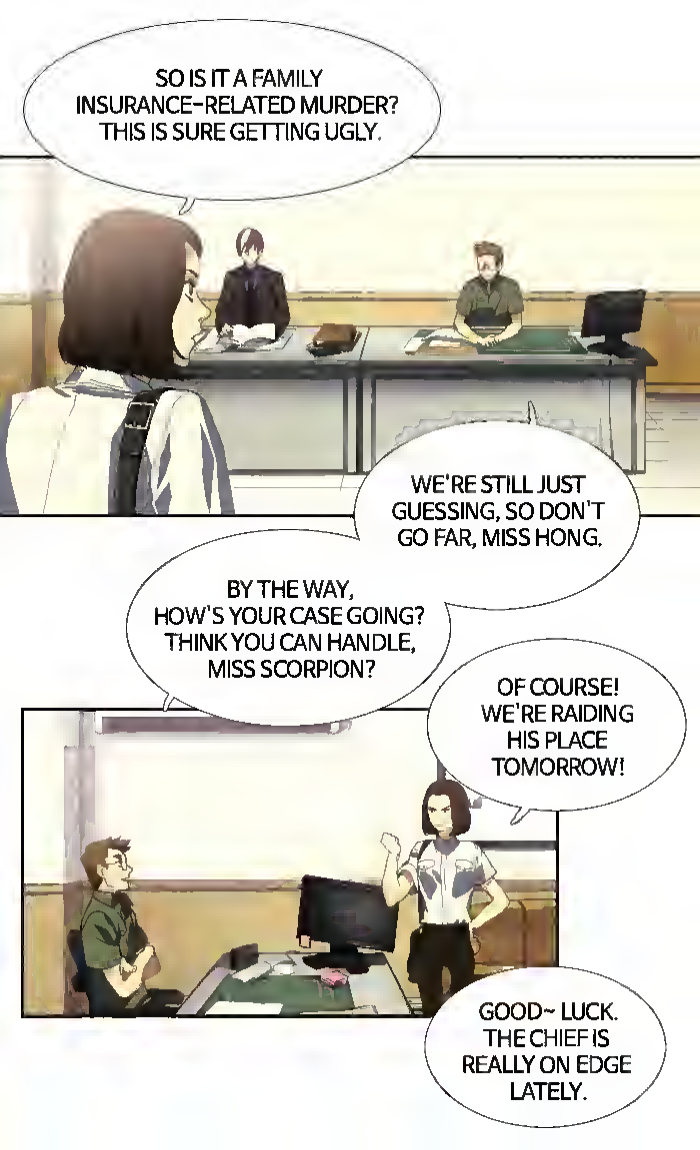
TICK...

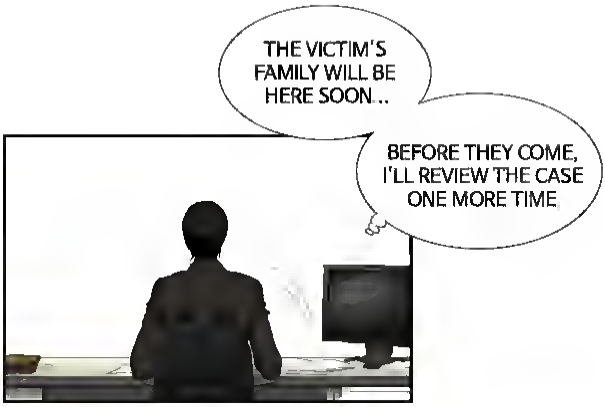
JUMP.
SIMOON LEE.

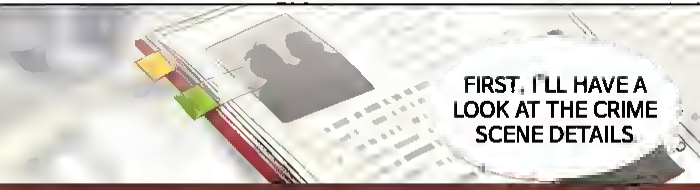
...WAIT,

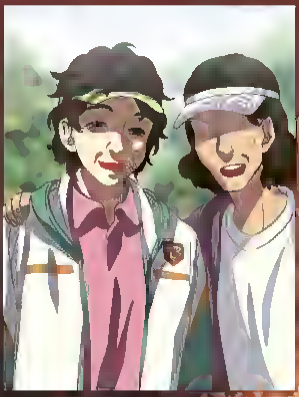
WHEN DID...

IF SO, THEN I GUESS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD WOULD BE A SUSPECT.
LOOKS LIKE I REALLY AM SUSPICIOUS.....
THERE MAY BE MORE PEOPLE AROUND THAT I HAVEN'T MET YET
AND I CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN WITHOUT ANY CERTAIN EVIDENCE OR CLUES. BUT.....
AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME. KAYEON CHOI WAS LOOKING FOR HER FATHER.


SO IS IT A FAMILY INSURANCE-RELATED MURDER? THIS IS SURE GETTING UGLY.
WE'RE STILL JUST GUESSING, SO DON'T GO FAR, MISS HONG.
BY THE WAY, HOW'S YOUR CASE GOING? THINK YOU CAN HANDLE, MISS SCORPION?
OF COURSE! WE'RE RAIDING HIS PLACE TOMORROW!
GOOD~ LUCK. THE CHIEF IS REALLY ON EDGE LATELY.







FIRST VICTIM
OKJA YANG (52)
HOUSEWIFE

FOUND COLLAPSED BY THE LIVING ROOM SOFA. AUTOPSY FOUND SHE HAD BEEN STABBED IN THE SIDE WITH A SHARP OBJECT.

DUN
AH-!
HERE YOU ARE, OFFICE

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT!
I'M TALKING ABOUT UM... YOU KNOW...
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THIS SO I'LL KEEP IT SEPARATE FOR NOW...
A DEAL! I WANT TO MAKE A DEAL.

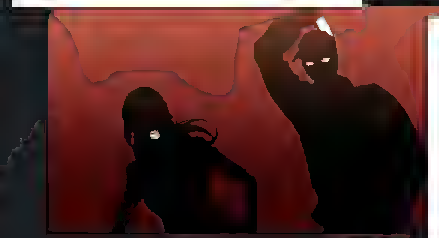
DETECTIVE LEE, DID YOU HAND IN YOUR REPORT?
SEOUL REGIONAL POLICE STATION
A WHILE AGO

BUT ONLY THE POSITION OF KAYEON CHOI'S BODY WAS DIFFERENT.

WHY WAS SHE COLLAPSED WITH HER BACK FACING THE KITCHEN?

SHE WAS FOUND AT A DISTANCE FROM THE OTHER TWO BODIES, AND SHE WAS ATTACKED FROM BEHIND. BUT THERE WAS ONLY ROOM FOR ONE PERSON TO STAND BEHIND HER.

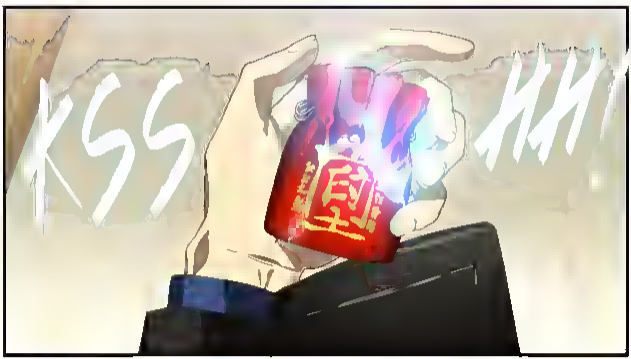
WAS KAYEON CHOI MURDERED AS SHE AND THE MURDERER WENT INTO THE KITCHEN AND THEN CAME BACK OUT?



NO. EVEN THOUGH THE KITCHEN AT THE CRIME SCENE WAS A MESS, THERE WAS STILL NO SIGN OF A STRUGGLE HAVING HAPPENED IN IT.

IF THE FIRE HAD STARTED BEFORE THEY DIED, THEY WOULD HAVE TRIED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE, SO THEIR HEADS WOULD BE FACING THE FRONT DOOR.
THAT MEANS THEY MUST HAVE BEEN MURDERED BEFORE THE FIRE STARTED.
IN MOST BURGLARY-MURDER CASES, THE VICTIMS ARE STABBED IN THE CHEST OR GUT WHILE THEY'RE PRESSED UP AGAINST A WALL OR TRYING TO RESIST.
BUT ALL OF THE VICTIMS WERE ATTACKED FROM BEHIND.
TWO OF THEM MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE....

I RECEIVE THIS?



AAAA

I DEMAND COMPENSATION!! GIVE ME THE MONEY RIGHT NOW!
MY CLOTHES! GIVE ME THE MONEY! RIGHT NOW!
I TOLO YOU I WAS GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU!! WHAT'RE YOU YELLING FOR!?
SLAM!!
HUH? WHERE'S MY WALLET...?
HMPH!
OF COURSE YOU OON'T HAVE IT.

WAVES (3)

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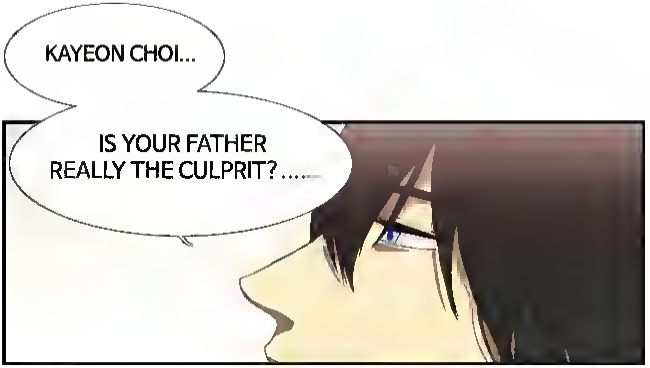
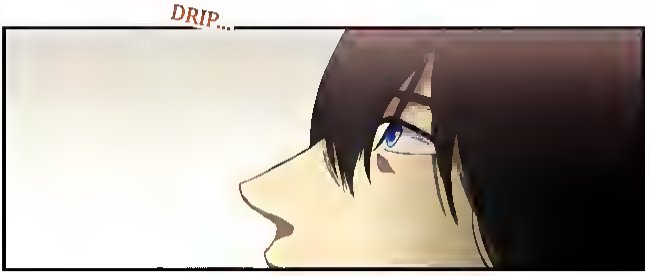
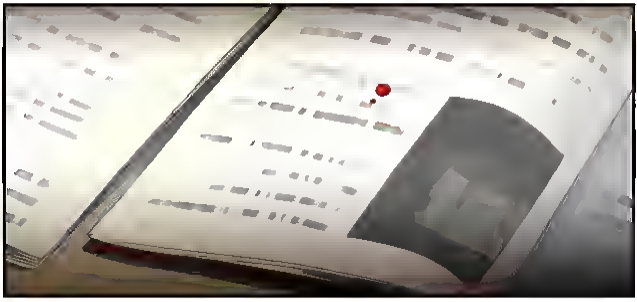
UM...
EXCUSE ME...

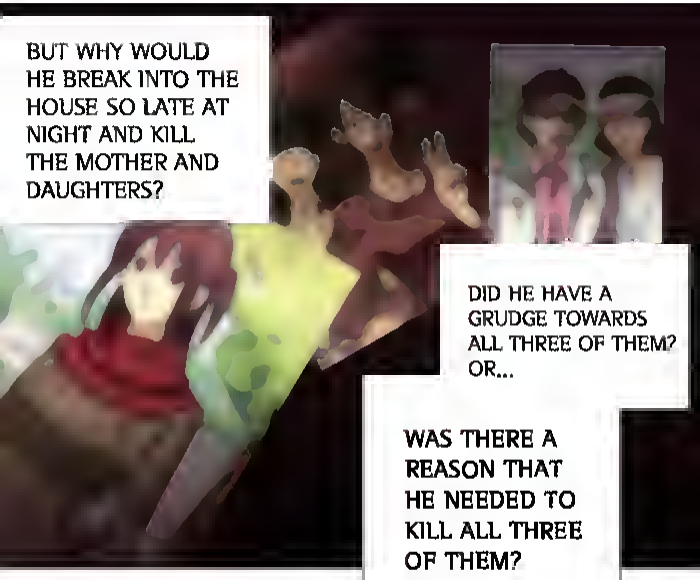
SINCE RIGHT NOW, I HAVE YOUR WALLET, SIMOON LEE!
WHAT...
WHY DO YOU HAVE MY WALLET? DID YOU STEAL...
SEE? SEE? SEE?
YOU DON'T EVEN THANK ME FOR RETURNING IT TO YOU!
KOREAN POLICE! SO RUDE!


KAYEON CHOI...
IS YOUR FATHER REALLY THE CULPRIT? ....


DRIP...

DID SOMETHING JUST FALL...?
CREAK




BUT WHY WOULD HE BREAK INTO THE HOUSE SO LATE AT NIGHT AND KILL THE MOTHER AND DAUGHTERS?
DID HE HAVE A GRUDGE TOWARDS ALL THREE OF THEM? OR...
WAS THERE A REASON THAT HE NEEDED TO KILL ALL THREE OF THEM?

AND IF THE CULPRIT WAS HIDING IN THE KITCHEN, THAT WOULD ALSO EXPLAIN WHERE HER BODY WAS FOUND.....

IT SEEMS LIKE KAYEON MUST HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED FROM THE KITCHEN AS SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD.....

THE REASON THAT ONLY KAYEON WASN'T STABBED WITH A KNIFE IS BECAUSE THE BLADE OF THE KNIFE BROKE WHEN SOYEON WAS STABBED. SO A BLUNT OBJECT WAS USED.....

IF THIS WERE JUST A SIMPLE BURGLARY, THE CULPRIT WOULDN'T HAVE WAITED AROUND FOR SOMEONE TO COME HOME AND THEN MURDERED HER.

ALSO, THE FACT THAT THE CULPRIT WAITED AROUND MEANS THAT HE KNEW THAT SOMEONE ELSE WOULD COME HOME.....

SO THIS IS WHAT SHE USED TO LOOK LIKE...
THIS IS TOUGH.....

...COULO YOU PLEASE NOT JUMP OUT AT ME LIKE THAT?
WHY? ARE YOU SCAREO?
DON'T STICK YOUR FACE IN MINE.

DIDN'T YOU GIVE ME THIS AND TELL ME TO COME FIND YOU?!
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN BARGE IN HERE AT 3:00AM WITHOUT EVEN CALLING FIRST!!
GRRRR

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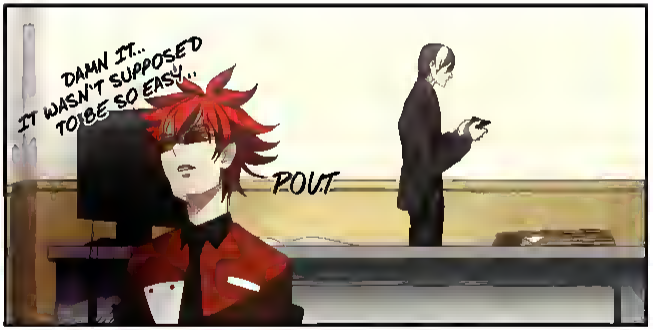
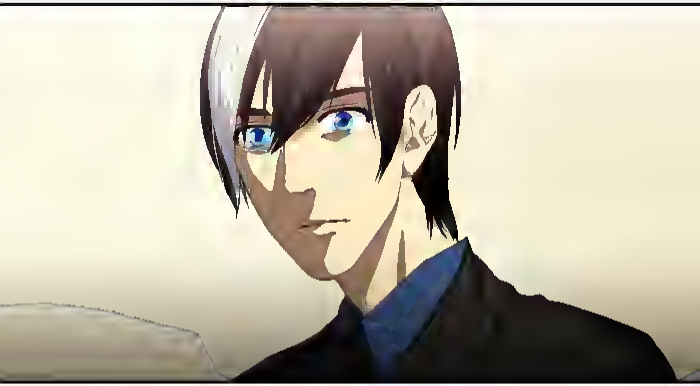

DAMN IT..
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE SO EASY..
POUT

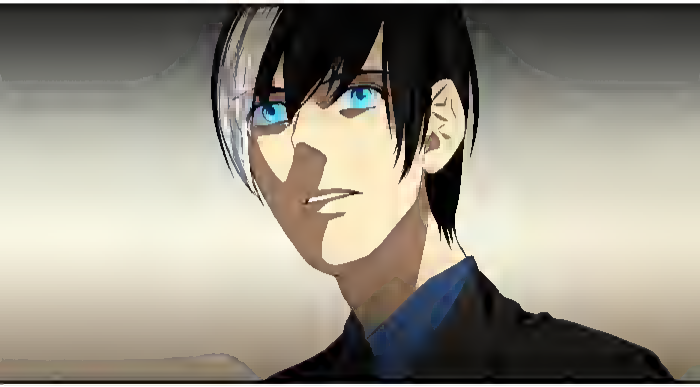
UNLIKE GRANDMA, I'M NOT A SHAMAN, BUT I'LL DO THE BEST THAT I CAN.

SHUT UP! THIS IS A POLICE STATION, NOT A MOTEL!!
SCREW OFF! AND DON'T COME BACK HERE EVER AGAIN, YOU PSYCHO!
AH PLEASE! LET ME STAY! I'VE GOT NOWHERE TO GO!
UGH! FINE! WANT ME TO THROW YOU IN THE SLAMMER? WANNA SLEEP THERE?!
THE SLAMMER?! IS THAT SOME KIND OF VIP ROOM?!
IT MEANS PRISON, GOD DAMN IT!!

WANT YOUR WALLET BACK?
NAH
I'M NOT GIVING THIS WALLET BACK FOR FREE!
IF YOU WANT IT BACK, SAY SORRY FOR HITTING ME!
YOU CAN'T, HUH? I BET YOU CAN'T!

I'M SORRY FOR HITTING YOU.
COOL





WHICH MEANS...
SINCE THE CULPRIT KNEW ABOUT WHO IS IN THE FAMILY,
IT MUST BE SOMEONE THEY KNEW.

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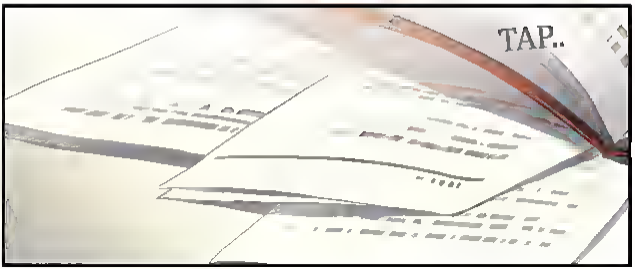
AMBUSH?
WAIT, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT THE VICTIMS WERE SEEN?
WHERE DID I SEE THAT...?
AH, HERE IT IS.
SOYEON CHOI ON HER WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL AT 9:00 PM.
KAYEON CHOI SAYING GOODBYE TO HER FRIENDS AT 1:00 AM...

IF IT'S AN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE FAMILY, THAT WOULD ALSO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ENTER THE HOUSE WITHOUT LEAVING ANY TRACES. THE VICTIMS PROBABLY OPENED THE DOOR FOR HIM.
SINCE THE VICTIMS WEREN'T ON THEIR GUARD, ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS WAIT FOR THEM TO TURN THEIR BACKS AND THEN KILL THEM.
THIS IS VERY PLAUSIBLE. SINCE WE DON'T KNOW THE EXACT TIME OF DEATH OF THE VICTIMS, OR AT WHAT TIME THE CULPRIT ENTERED THE HOUSE.

AH, DETECTIVE LEE. THE HUSBAND WILL BE HERE AT AROUND TWO OR THREE.
OKAY. JUST LEAVE IT TO ME AND DON'T WORRY.
HEHE, THANKS.
THANKS TO YOU, I WON'T GET NAGGED AS MUCH TODAY BY MY WIFE. I LOVE YOU~♡
CREEPY
CREEPY
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET LOST!

I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT HIM
WHY WOULD HE JUST APPEAR HERE OUT OF NOWHERE?
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
I WONDER WHAT HE DID TO MY WALLET BEFORE GIVING IT BACK TO ME...
...!


TAP..

WHEW... MY BODY'S SO STIFF.....
WOW, IT'S ALREADY ALMOST 3:00 AM?
WHAT?!